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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 967

Introduced by Assembly Member Canciamilla

February 18, 2005

An act to amend ~~Section 48800~~ of Sections 48800 and 76001 of, and to add Section 48800.6 to, the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 967, as amended, Canciamilla. Concurrent enrollment of pupils in high school and community college.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to authorize pupils, with parental permission, who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work, to attend community college as special part-time students to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level, in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

~~This bill would, in addition, state that it is the intent of these provisions to help ensure a smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate atmosphere.~~

Existing law also authorizes a parent or guardian of a pupil to petition the governing board of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled to authorize the attendance of the pupil at a community college as a special full-time student on the ground that the pupil would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work that would be made available at a community college.

This bill would require the governing board of a school district to notify each pupil in grades 10 and 11 of the pupil's options with respect to enrollment in community college pursuant to the above provisions. The bill would provide that this notice may be included with any other notice given to those pupils.

Because this bill would require school districts to provide notice to pupils, as described above, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would also authorize the governing board of a community college district to assign a low enrollment priority to special part-time or full-time students in order to ensure that these students do not displace regularly admitted students.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48800 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may
- 4 determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic
- 5 or vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide
- 6 educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of
- 7 eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements
- 8 of elementary and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a
- 9 smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by

1 providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate
2 atmosphere. The governing board may authorize those pupils,
3 upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school of
4 attendance, and with parental consent, to attend a community
5 college during any session or term as special part-time or
6 full-time students and to undertake one or more courses of
7 instruction offered at the community college level.

8 (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special
9 part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for any
10 session or term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the
11 board shall issue its written recommendation and the reasons for
12 the denial within 60 days. The written recommendation and
13 denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board
14 meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been
15 submitted.

16 (c) The students shall receive credit for community college
17 courses that they complete at the level determined appropriate by
18 the school district and community college district governing
19 boards.

20 (d) (1) The principal of a school may only recommend a pupil
21 for community college summer session if that pupil meets all of
22 the following criteria:

23 (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be
24 studied.

25 (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent
26 course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

27 (2) For any particular grade level, a principal may not
28 recommend for community college summer session attendance
29 more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed
30 that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.

31 (3) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section
32 33050) of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this subdivision
33 may not be waived.

34 *SEC. 2. Section 48800.6 is added to the Education Code, to*
35 *read:*

36 *48800.6. (a) The governing board of a school district shall*
37 *notify each pupil in grades 10 and 11 of the pupil's options with*
38 *respect to enrollment in community college pursuant to this*
39 *article.*

1 **(b)** *The notice required pursuant to this section may be*
2 *included with any other notice given to pupils described in*
3 *subdivision (a) pursuant to this code.*

4 **SEC. 3.** *Section 76001 of the Education Code is amended to*
5 *read:*

6 76001. **(a)** The governing board of a community college
7 district may admit to any community college under its
8 jurisdiction as a special part-time or full-time student in any
9 session or term any student who is eligible to attend community
10 college pursuant to Section 48800 or 48800.5.

11 **(b)** If the governing board denies a request for a special
12 part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for a
13 pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall record its
14 findings and the reasons for denial of the request in writing
15 within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be
16 issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at
17 least 30 days after the request has been submitted.

18 **(c)** The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a
19 special part-time or full-time student pursuant to this section is
20 authorized attendance, for which the community college shall be
21 credited or reimbursed pursuant to Sections 48802 and 76002.
22 Credit for courses completed shall be at the level determined to
23 be appropriate by the school district and community college
24 district governing boards.

25 **(d)** For purposes of this section, a special part-time student
26 may enroll in up to, and including, 11 units per semester, or the
27 equivalent thereof, at the community college.

28 **(e)** *The governing board of a community college district may*
29 *assign a low enrollment priority to special part-time or full-time*
30 *students described in subdivision (a) in order to ensure that these*
31 *students do not displace regularly admitted students.*

32 **SEC. 4.** *If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
33 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
34 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
35 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
36 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*